- 1. <u>Committee's Official Designation</u>: The Committee shall be known as the Secretary of the Navy Advisory Panel ("the Panel").
- 2. <u>Authority</u>: The Secretary of Defense, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41 C.F.R. § 102-3.50(d), established the Panel.
- 3. Objectives and Scope of Activities: The Panel shall provide the Secretary of Defense and the Deputy Secretary of Defense, through the Secretary of the Navy, independent advice and recommendations on critical matters concerning the Department of the Navy, as set out in paragraph four below.
- 4. <u>Description of Duties</u>: The Panel's focus will include Department of the Navy administration and management, recruitment and training, equipment acquisition and maintenance, military and civilian manpower systems, basing and support infrastructure, and logistical support. The Panel will also focus on research and development matters confronting the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps and on matters pertaining to preserving the history and heritage of the Naval Services.
- 5. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports: The Panel shall report to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, through the Secretary of the Navy. The Secretary of the Navy, pursuant to Department of Defense (DoD) policy, may act upon the Panel's advice and recommendations.
- 6. <u>Support</u>: The DoD, through the Office of the Secretary of the Navy, shall provide the necessary support for the Panel and shall ensure compliance with requirements of the FACA, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b, as amended) ("the Sunshine Act"), governing Federal statutes and regulations, and established DoD policies and procedures.
- 7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years: The estimated annual operating cost, to include travel, meetings, and contract support, is approximately \$781,000. The estimated annual personnel cost to the DoD is 5.4 full-time equivalents.
- 8. <u>Designated Federal Officer</u>: The Panel's Designated Federal Officer (DFO), pursuant to DoD policy, shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, designated in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures.

The Panel's DFO is required to be in attendance at all Panel and subcommittee meetings for the duration of each and every meeting. However, in the absence of the Panel's DFO, a properly approved Alternate DFO, duly designated to the Panel according to DoD policies and procedures, will attend the entire duration of all of the Panel or subcommittee meeting.

The DFO, or the Alternate DFO, will call all of the Panel and its subcommittee meetings; prepare and approve all meeting agendas; and adjourn any meeting when the DFO, or the Alternate DFO, determines adjournment to be in the public interest or required by governing

regulations or DoD policies and procedures.

- 9. <u>Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings</u>: The Panel will meet at the call of the Panel's DFO, in consultation with the Secretary of the Navy and the Panel's Chair. The estimated number of Panel meetings is four per year.
- 10. <u>Duration</u>: The need for this Panel is on a continuing basis; however, it is subject to renewal every two years.
- 11. <u>Termination</u>: The Panel shall terminate upon completion of its mission or two years from the date this charter is filed, whichever is sooner, unless the Secretary of Defense renews its charter.
- 12. <u>Membership and Designation</u>: The Panel shall be composed of no more than 15 members, who are eminent authorities in the fields of science, research, finance, history, engineering, business, and industry.

The appointment of Panel members will be authorized by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense, and administratively certified by the Secretary of the Navy, for a term of service of one-to-four years, and their appointments will be renewed on an annual basis in accordance with DoD policies and procedures. Members of the Panel who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees will be appointed as experts or consultants pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 3109 to serve as special government employee (SGE) members. Panel members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees will serve as regular government employee (RGE) members. No member, unless authorized by the Secretary of Defense, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the Panel, to include its subcommittees, or serve on more than two DoD federal advisory committees at one time.

All members of the Panel are appointed to provide advice on behalf of the Government on the basis of their best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest.

Except for reimbursement of official Panel-related travel and per diem, Panel members serve without compensation.

The Secretary of the Navy has the delegated authority to appoint the Panel's Chair from among the membership previously authorized by the Secretary of Defense or Deputy Secretary of Defense.

13. <u>Subcommittees</u>: The DoD, as necessary and consistent with the Panel's mission and DoD policies and procedures, may establish subcommittees, task forces, or working groups to support the Panel.

Establishment of subcommittees will be based upon a written determination, to include terms of reference, by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the Secretary

of the Navy, as the DoD Sponsor.

Such subcommittees shall not work independently of the Panel and shall report all their recommendations and advice solely to the Panel for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees, task forces, or working groups have no authority to make decisions and recommendations, verbally or in writing, on behalf of the Panel. No subcommittee or any of its members can update or report, verbally or in writing, directly to the DoD or any Federal officers or employees. If a majority of Panel members are appointed to a particular subcommittee, then that subcommittee may be required to operate pursuant to the same notice and openness requirements of FACA which govern the Panel's operations.

Pursuant to Secretary of Defense policy, the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to administratively certify the appointment of subcommittee members if the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense has previously authorized the individual's appointment to the Panel or another DoD advisory committee. If the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense has not previously authorized the appointment of the individual to the Panel or another DoD advisory committee, then the individual's subcommittee appointment must first be authorized by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense and subsequently administratively certified by the Secretary of the Navy.

Subcommittee members, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, will be appointed for a term of service of one-to-four years, subject to annual renewals; however, no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the subcommittee. Subcommittee members, if not full-time or part-time Federal officers or employees, will be appointed as experts or consultants pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 3109 to serve as SGE members. Subcommittee members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees will serve as RGE members. With the exception of reimbursement for travel and per diem as it pertains to official travel related to the Panel or its subcommittees, Panel subcommittee members shall serve without compensation.

The Secretary of Defense authorizes the Secretary of the Navy to appoint the chair and vice chair of any appropriately approved subcommittees from among the subcommittee membership previously authorized by the Secretary of Defense or Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Each subcommittee member is appointed to provide advice on behalf of the Government on the basis of his or her best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest.

All subcommittees operate under the provisions of the FACA, the Sunshine Act, governing Federal statutes and regulations, and established DoD policies and procedures.

Currently, DoD has approved the following two permanent subcommittees to the Panel:

a) The Naval Research Advisory Committee shall be composed of not more than seven

members and shall provide independent advice and recommendations on scientific, technical, research, and development matters confronting the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 5024(a), the subcommittee shall consist of civilians preeminent in the fields of science, research, and development work, and one member must be from the field of medicine.

The estimated number of meetings is four per year.

b) The Secretary of the Navy's Advisory Subcommittee on Naval History shall be composed of not more than 15 members and shall provide independent advice and recommendations on matters pertaining to preserving the heritage and legacy of the Naval Services and disseminating their rich history to the Service and the American public. Advisory topics may include professional standards, methods, program priorities, cooperative relationships in Marine Corps and Navy's historical research and publication programs, museums, archives, archeology, libraries, manuscript collections, rare book collections, art collections, preservation, and curatorial activities. The subcommittee shall consist of civilians who have broad managerial experience, vision, and understanding in one or more of the following areas: military and maritime history, archives, museology, art, library science, and information technology.

The estimated number of meetings is one per year.

- 14. <u>Recordkeeping</u>: The records of the Panel and its subcommittees shall be managed in accordance with General Record Schedule 6.2, Federal Advisory Committee Records, or other approved agency records disposition schedule, and the appropriate DoD policies and procedures. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 (5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended).
- 15. Filing Date: January 2, 2016